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# **MINUTES**

Riverside Park Community Association RPCA November Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Location: Riverside United Church

### 1. Call to Order

- **1.1.** The meeting was called to order by Joel at 7:01 p.m. The following directors were in attendance:
- George Brown, Director
- Travis Croken, Vice-President
- Joel Duff, President

- Barbara Haines, Treasurer
- Andrew Wintonic, Director
- Terry Wood, Director

### Regrets from:

- Nicole Christy, Director
- Mark Staz, Director

- Paul Willets. Director
- Gillian Wintonic, Secretary
- **1.2.** The following community members were in attendance:
- E. Benesch
- R. Brockington
- K. Cathrae
- M. Kaplansky
- M. Magro

- P. Penna
- M. Kleniewski
- M. Davidson
- P. O'Grady
- F. O'Grady
- 1.3 Joel welcomed Norm Payne, President of Ridgemont Community Association, who had been invited to attend the meeting by Joel and Terry. Ridgemont CA is adjacent to Riverside Park east of Bank St. Norm and Joel noted the desirability of closer collaboration between the two CAs given our many common interests.

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## 2. Agenda

**2.1** It was moved by George and seconded by Travis to accept the agenda.

**Motion Carried** 

### 3. Minutes of January 8, 2020, Board Meeting

**3.1** It was moved by Terry and seconded by Andrew to accept the minutes.

**Motion Carried** 

# 4. President's Report (See Appendix A)

4.1 It was moved by Barbara and seconded by Terry to accept the President's Report.

**Motion Carried** 

# 5. Treasurer's Report (See Appendix B)

**5.1** Barbara reported on the RPCA financials covering the six months up to the end of January. Net income is continuing a modest increase, thanks in part to increased membership and good discipline on expenses.

### 5.2 Possible New Banking and GIC Investment Arrangements

- 5.2.1 Barbara reported on her efforts to seek new banking arrangements that would offer lower service fees and on getting a good rate for the reinvestment of RPCA funds currently held in a GIC, noting that it would be desirable to agree on next steps, including reinvestment of the GIC funds, by February 21 latest.
- 5.2.2 It was moved by Terry and seconded by George that Barbara continue her work on better banking arrangements with lower service fees and on reinvestment of the GIC funds in order to present recommendations to the Board before February 21 for approval by e-mail.

### **Motion Carried**

5.2.3 Joel noted there was \$515 unexpended from the funds RPCA had raised for the September 7, 2019, Community Festival undertaken jointly by RPCA and Hunt Club CA, and possible uses for the surplus funds were discussed. Additional suggestions on possible use of the surplus funds were encouraged for further discussion at the next Board meeting March 4.

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## 6. Receipt of Additional Officer and Committee Reports

- **6.1.** Travis provided an update on an initiative to add artwork to the RR pedestrian underpasses ("cow tunnels"), noting that it was moving forward.
- **6.2.** In response to on-going concerns about "ghost hotels", Terry undertook to provide an update to the Board by e-mail on the City's work to implement the new regulatory regime for short-term rentals approved by Council in November 2019.

## 7. River Ward Councillor Report: Riley Brockington

**7.1.** The Councillor provided a written report (see Appendix C). The following items were discussed:

# 7.2. Hog's Back Bridge Work

- 7.2.1. In response to Joel's question about what RPCA could do to follow-up on Mayor Watson's letter, at the Councillor's request, to the Minister of Parks Canada to encourage acceleration of work on the stationary bridge in order to reduce the impact on traffic of the bridge's temporary closure, the Councillor suggested that RPCA write to our M.P., David McGuinty.
- 7.2.2. It was moved by Travis and seconded by Terry to proceed with such a letter from Joel to Mr. McGuinty, M.P.

**Motion Carried** 

# 7.3 Road Safety and Traffic Calming

- 7.3.1 A final list of traffic calming measures for Riverside Park for 2020 will be presented at the March Board meeting.
- 7.3.2 Recent increased police enforcement on West Walkley Road was welcomed.

### 7.4 LRT Situation

- 7.4.1 The outside consultant recently hired by the City is helping to address the "perfect storm" of recent LRT problems. Better project oversight by the City is still needed, however.
- 7.4.2 In response to concerns, the process by which the City awarded the contract to SNC Lavalin for the Phase 2 Trillium Line project was briefly explained.

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## 7.5 Airport Parkway Expansion Project

7.5.1 The project's timelines remain unchanged. Detailed design work is scheduled to begin in 2022, with construction to take place in 2023 and 2024, contingent on funding.

### 8. Other Business

### 8.1. Board Director Resignation

- 8.1.1. George informed the Board that he was resigning effective immediately, explaining that he has been hired by Brigil Construction to head up community engagement for the new development at the Riverside Mall.
- 8.1.2. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Travis that the Board thank George for his many contributions to the Board over the last year and for his ongoing community service which will continue to benefit RPCA.

**Motion Carried** 

# 8.2. City 311 Telephone Service

8.2.1. A recent experience with the 311 service was shared related to a problem of restricted access to a driveway resulting from City snow plowing. While it was noted that calls to 311 can result in action, one must be prepared to make a good case to get action and be careful to record their case number which is needed for timely follow-up.

#### 8.3. RPCA Boundaries

- 8.3.1. Travis shared a recent experience in which he learned that the City still does not have a correct description of the RPCA's geographic boundaries. It was agreed that this should be addressed and that other key stakeholders should also be informed.
- 8.3.2. It was also suggested that Riverside Park West (Neighbourhood Area #2) be renamed Mooney's Bay for clarity and to help facilitate greater interest in the RPCA in this area.

### 8.4 Business Registry

8.4.1 The desirability of establishing a list of all businesses in Riverside Park was again raised. Such a list could both help our local businesses and assist with our efforts to increase support and funding of RPCA activities.

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# 9. Upcoming Events

**9.1.** Joel provided a brief summary of several upcoming events of interest (see the Agenda and also the President's Report for a listing of the events and for further information).

# 10. Next Board Meeting

10.1. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – 7:00 p.m., Riverside Churches, 3191 Riverside Drive, Room 6.

# 11. Adjournment

11.1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes were prepared by:

Terry Wood, Director

Minutes confirmed by:

Joel Duff, President

Gillian Wintonic, Secretary

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